

# FOCUS

St Paul's Presbyterian Church

September 2005



## "OFF THE COLLAR"

A memo from our Minister  
Rev. Jack Archibald

We added a new member to our family this summer! On July 2, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Parry Sound, Ontario, Andrew James Archibald and Maggie Jane Culverwell were united in marriage. It was a perfect day, with gorgeous weather, a beautiful ceremony (if I do say so, myself—I conducted the wedding) and a handsome couple, completed by an enjoyable reception with many good friends and family present to share our celebration.

We had watched the relationship between Andrew and Maggie grow for some six years, and expected that eventually there would be an announcement of their engagement. When that announcement was finally made we looked forward with great excitement to when they would become husband and wife. We joyfully shared in the preparation and planning, offered advice, looked after some details, and our family's enthusiasm grew as the big event drew near.

But the highlight of all this was the day we welcomed Maggie into our family circle. Our celebration ended a

courtship and marked the beginning of new family relationships, not only for Andrew and Maggie, but for all the Archibalds and the Culverwells, as we welcomed our new children into our respective families. And since then, we have gotten to know and appreciate Maggie even more than we had before the wedding, enjoying her warm smile, gentle manner and helpful ways. And we've come to love her as a second daughter. What a blessing!

We like to think of the St. Paul's congregation as a family. We're God's children, and brothers and sisters in Christ (do you remember the words of that popular hymn, "...God our Father, Christ our Brother..."?). We love each other in practical ways as family members do, following Paul's admonition to bear each other's burdens as needed, and "rejoicing with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep." It's an honour and a privilege to care for each other in this way, and we're thankful for every member who shares our family responsibility.

And hopefully, we're ready to welcome every new member into our family. One may come through our church door quite unexpectedly, another may receive an invitation from a friend, and yet another may belong to a family already in our larger church family, but we should welcome them, make them feel at home, get to know them and help them to find their place in our fellowship, loving them as Christ taught us to do and modeled for us. Is that the reality at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church? Do you feel part of the family and do you help others to feel that way? Do strangers and newcomers look forward to becoming part of our family?

It might help us to remember how God rejoices when a new member joins His family. John declares, "To all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God"! And Jesus said there is joy in heaven over every sinner who turns to Him in repentance and faith. Our Lord's word picture of "The Prodigal Son," the young man who comes home to his family and is reconciled to his waiting father, should inspire us in our church family to direct others to find their way to their true family and the Heavenly Father who watches for them, and waits to celebrate their arrival home. We do that by making certain that we treat each and every new arrival in our church as a member of the family.

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## FOCUS ON ST. PAUL'S

September is the beginning of the new year at St. Paul's and much is happening, some new things and some tried and true. To get a good view of what is being offered, we thought it might be helpful to bring together the information on all the many activities at St. Paul's in this issue of Focus. This we have attempted to do with the help of many kind people. Items are in no particular order and where we have erred, we apologize. Please let us know for next time.

In the following pages you will find opportunities for learning, for volunteering, and best of all for just getting to know people. We hope we have made your choices a little easier. We are also pleased to bring you reports of exciting events from the summer along with our regular features. So take a look and see what St. Paul's people are doing. Thanks to everyone who contributed and made this a super-size Focus.

We wish you a happy and prosperous new year at St. Paul's.

*The Focus Committee* Joan Sampson  
Ruth Whitehead  
Joan Triandafillou, Editor

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. PAUL'S

**September 11** Rally Day Service 10 a.m.

**September 18** Two Services: 9a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School begins.

*Watch for Alpha program beginning in September*

**October 1 & 2** Missions Weekend: Saturday Breakfast 8:30 (see page 3)  
Saturday Youth Supper  
Sunday Evening 7:00

**October 2** Communion Sunday

**October 9** Thanksgiving Services

**October 15** Hobby Day



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# ST. PAUL'S MISSIONARY FAMILY NEWS

by Muriel Barrington

**As promised.....  
on the weekend of October 1-2**

## OUR MEMBERS IN MISSION

**Saturday Breakfast** at 8.30 a.m.

**Saturday Youth Supper** [for all] -  
Exciting Stories from the Youth Mission  
Trip to New Brunswick in July

**Sunday Evening** at 7.00 p.m.

We are looking forward to hearing of the experiences over the past year of  
**Martha Archibald** in the Philippines,  
**Peter Philpott** in St. Petersburg,  
**Ruth Whitehead** in Thailand and Russia,  
and **Dale and Natalie Ward** in India.

\* **GEOFF & ESTHER BEATTY, MIRIAM, NATHAN & PHILIP**  
The Beatty family have spent July and August in Canada catching up with family and friends in **B.C. and Ontario**. They have some concerns for Esther's father in Victoria who requires assisted living accommodation. They are grateful for the provision of support they have experienced and hope to return to **Senegal** on September 8th if their financial needs are met.

\* **ANN BURGESS**

Ann and her helpers praise the Lord for the finished checking of the Old Testament books from Joshua to Malachi. They now have the Pentateuch and New Testament to check before the Bible will be available to the Mien people in **Thailand** and around the world. There is currently a glitch in the computer program which causes some words to be cut off, so prayer is requested that the problem can be corrected.

\* **MICHAEL & WENDY LESSARD/CLOUSTON, JOEL & CALEB**

Michael has successfully completed his Ph.D and accepted a position as a Professor at Biola University in **California**. After 11 years in **Japan** they ask for prayer as they adjust to the changes for themselves and the boys. They are grateful for the support they have received from St. Paul's and International Ministries of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. As of the end of June, because of the change, they are no longer part of our Missionary Family.

\* **MIKE AND BETTY HARRISON**

The Harrisons rejoice in the arrival of a new granddaughter on June 15th. Betty was able to be with their daughter and family for a few weeks to help out. Mike was unable to minister in one area of the **Philippines** because of unrest but continues to teach and mentor in pastoral leadership and development in other areas. Pray that more denominations will become actively involved in this ministry.

\* **JON & MARILYN FULLER, KATIE, EMILY & BETHANY**

The Fullers have managed to get their house connected to the Internet and now feel more in touch. The girls are adjusting to their new school and uniforms and are trying to choose their extra-curricular activities. There is much for Jon to learn in his new job but he is grateful for a wonderful personal assistant named Josephine. Meanwhile Marilyn has discovered that keeping a house clear of silty road dust is an ongoing challenge.

\* **LORNE LIKELY**

Lorne, who is the team leader for IVCF in **Ottawa**, was married in June to Kathleen, and they have combined their family of her two daughters and his three sons. Pray for them as they all adjust to life together and for Lorne as he develops a fellowship for faculty and graduate students at Carleton, Ottawa U. and Algonquin College.

\* **BRIAN McCONAGHY AND RATANAK**

Brian and his parents recently visited **Cambodia** together and were delighted to see the new Poipet hospital in action where there had previously been no medical services. Brian is now working to establish a rehabilitation centre for 40 to 60 little girls rescued from dreadful sexual exploitation. This is called the New Song project. Pray for these children and the safety of the workers.

\* **DAVID & ANILU YETMAN & ADRIEL**

The Yetmans are delighted with their new little son who arrived on June 9th, and has changed their lives greatly. He is doing well. Dave is working hard on frequency management with HCJB World Radio -- there are many challenges and rewards. Pray for them as a family and for progress on their residency applications for staying in **Australia**.

\* **SAIACS**

We are expecting a visit from the former and current principals of SAIACS --Dr. Graham Houghton and Dr. Ashish Chrispal about the fourth weekend of October. This is where the Wards have worked.



**Evelyn Pike**

## HAVE YOU MET....?



**Paul McKechnie**

Music and men! Two significant elements in the life of Evelyn Pike.

Evelyn was born in Gunzenhausen, Germany, where her mother and father, David and Helga Stewart, were living while David was working on his PhD. When Evelyn was 3 months old they moved back to Hamilton, Ontario and later to Peterboro where Evelyn grew up with her three younger brothers - Andrew, Martin, and Ian. After Evelyn graduated with an M.A. in German from the University of Toronto the whole family spent a year together in Freiburg, Germany, in the Black Forest area. Evelyn looks back on this year as a highlight in her life. It proved to be a real bonding time for the Stewarts - singing together in a Bach choir, travelling throughout Europe, walking in the Black Forest as well as living together in rather crowded quarters.

During her years at U. of T. Evelyn spent her summers conducting bus tours through the Rockies for groups of Europeans. Following graduation she decided to move to Ottawa where she continued her studies at Carleton University and where she also taught German. It was while living in a small house with other students who decided to invite the neighbours in for a Bible study that Evelyn met Howard Pike - the only neighbour who responded to the invitation! Evelyn and Howard were married in 1985 and now have four sons, David, Matthew, Andrew, and Gregory.

Evelyn was introduced to St. Paul's by John Bowen. She lived a distance from the church but David Squires spoke to her and found someone to drive her home. Meeting her the following Sunday David was able to call her by name and others spoke to her and made her feel welcome. She had found a church home!

Along with her family Evelyn's life revolves around music and children. She has taught as many as 15 music groups per week in her home. She completed a BEd. degree last year and is currently an occasional teacher in the public school system. V.B.S. is a highlight of the year for Evelyn and she is very active in the Pinecrest Outreach Program which involves many of St. Paul's teenagers. Ask Evelyn about that program!

You know who she is! You might see her at the piano during worship or leading the Junior Choir or teaching a Sunday School class or enlisting the help of the congregation for V.B.S. We are so thankful that Evelyn has been willing to use her gifts for God's glory in the ministry of St. Paul's.

Who in our congregation comes to mind at tax time? April is probably the busiest month of the year for Paul and his team at McKechnie Moore, a family firm where Paul went to work a year or so after completing a B.Comm. degree at Carleton University.

Paul grew up in the Glebe and attended Glebe Collegiate as well as Carleton University. He has 4 siblings, two older and two younger, one of whom is our own Nancy Stevenson. Paul spent several summers on the staff at Camp of the Woods in northern New York State. Libby was on the staff of the same camp and after Paul graduated from university they were married. They have two sons, Adam, who is currently studying at St. Paul's University and Matthew, who is married and living in St. Catharines.

Paul and Libby came to St. Paul's when David Sherbino asked them to help with the teaching of the high school students along with David and Audrey. They became involved in teaching at that time and have participated in a variety of ministries over the years.

Paul is not only active within the church but is active within the community as well earning him the Philanthropist of the Year award for the city of Ottawa several years ago. He is currently the President of the Board for the Mission which will celebrate its 100th anniversary next year. At the time of the Billy Graham Crusade in Ottawa he served as the Chairman of the planning committee. He is the Director of Hockey Ministries International and on the Executive of the Admissions Committee for the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Ottawa. He is also Secretary of the Brookmorn Foundation which was set up following the expropriation of Brookdale Farm, a children's home established by his father.

Paul recalls with pleasure the Saturday night hockey games when along with Ed Rourke young men from St. Paul's and elsewhere met at the rink. Paul still plays pick-up hockey, enjoys a game of golf, and keeps fit by running. Yes, he ran the 10 km race in Ottawa last May!

Thank you, Paul, for sharing your life with us!

# W H E R E DO YOU FIT? LIFE AT ST. PAUL'S



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL** *Beth Hurd 825-0208 and Eldon Frost 825-2013.*

There are Sunday School activities for all ages at St. Paul's every Sunday morning. A nursery is provided for small children at the 9:00 and 10:30 services. Sunday School classes are available for kindergarten through adults of all ages at 10:30. An additional class for adults who attend the 10:30 service is offered at 9:00 am. Sunday School is not just for children!!! Choose to attend one of the excellent classes for adults offered at St. Paul's this fall!



## **PIONEER CLUBS** *Eldon Frost 825-2013.*

Pioneer Clubs is an evening program of Christian learning through structured teaching and related activities offered at St. Paul's for children Grades 1-7. The program is from 6:00 to 7:30 each Thursday evening during the school year. Registration information is available in the narthex of the church.



## **YOUTH GROUP** *Stephen Legrow 843-9096*

This past summer, the St. Paul's youth meet informally for swim and BBQ events, volleyball and helping with VBS while including a Christian message or study. One of the summer highlights was a mission trip to Fredricton, New Brunswick where the youth provided a VBS program for a community of First Nation's youths as well as participating in local work projects consisting of soup kitchen duties, deck and step repairs, fence building and painting. (See page 14)

This coming fall, the St. Paul's youth will meet regularly on Friday evenings at 7:00 PM to enjoy fellowship, singing, Bible study, guest speakers, service projects and fun activities. Emphasis will be on providing a Christian environment to have fun while learning more about how to love and serve God.

## **SMALL GROUPS AND BIBLE STUDIES**

Meetings are held in homes or at the church to encourage one another through study, prayer and sharing. Groups meet most days of the week, in the morning, afternoon, or evening.

If you can join us please give Beverly Troup a call at 596-1433.

Join a  
Study Group

"You are called to belong, not just believe. We are created for community, fashioned for fellowship and formed for a family, and none of us can fulfill God's purposes by ourselves."

"God intends for us to experience life together. The Bible calls this shared experience "fellowship". The Body of Christ, like your own body, is really a collection of small cells. The life of the Body of Christ, like your body, is contained in the cells. For this reason every Christian needs to be involved in a small group within their church, whether it is a home fellowship group, or a Sunday school class or a Bible study. This is where real community takes place, not in the big gatherings."

*The Purpose driven Life* by Rick Warren - ch.17,18.

".....that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His son Jesus Christ. And these things we write to you that your joy may be full."

*1 John 1:3-4*



**CHOIR:** *Phyllis Deeks 596 4830*

Our choir sings regularly at the 10:30 a.m. worship service, and presents special cantatas at Christmas and Easter. Practice is held every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:45 a.m. *You are warmly invited to join if you enjoy singing, fellowship, and a wide range of musical styles. - All ages welcome!*



**WORSHIP TEAM:** *Scott Hurd 825 0208*

Throughout the fall and winter, St. Paul's has two distinct forms of worship service: traditional and contemporary. Each Sunday at 9:00 AM, our contemporary praise team leads in enthusiastic praise and worship using a variety of instruments – from piano and violins through to guitars and electronic keyboards. The upbeat worship time is built around a contemporary, yet solid, biblically-based, Christ-centred message delivered each week by our senior pastor. If you are looking for a solid preaching ministry with a wide range of contemporary elements, this is the place to be! *If you have an interest in helping with the coordination or leadership of our contemporary services, please feel free to inquire at the church office, or drop by a practice on Saturday mornings at the church at 9:00 AM!*



We are always looking for new voices - whether trained or untrained - to join our ranks.

This is a four-part choir, including Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass. We provide music for the traditional service at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday morning, and rehearse twice each week - Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., and Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. That time is extended slightly when we get closer to major events such as the Christmas and Easter Cantatas, or the concerts which we try to do to assist with fund-raising for church projects once or twice per year. We break for the summer about mid-June.

*The Senior Choir  
of St. Paul's*

We have a lot of fun, and if you are looking for a great way to make friends, and have a love of music, we want you to be part of our choir. Call Phyllis Deeks at 596-4830 for info.

Our first rehearsal of the fall season starts the Thursday after Labour Day. See you there!



**THE FLOWER COMMITTEE:** *Norma Stanzel 828 5475*

Our sanctuary is more attractive and our worship is enhanced when flowers and seasonal decorations dress the front of the church. Our committee consists of four members at the present time and we try to do our very best in decorating the church throughout the year. You can share in this ministry by placing flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday morning in appreciation or admiration for a loved one, in honour of a birthday, anniversary or graduation, in memory of a loved one, or simply to say "thank you Lord" for any reason.

*Our Flower Chart is at the back door of the Narthex where you can sign up, and a member of the flower committee would be glad to help you.*



**MISSION AND OUTREACH** *Muriel Barrington 828-7742*

We take mission seriously at St. Paul's, and we support missionaries and Christian projects in Canada and around the world through the Presbyterian Church in Canada and several mission agencies. Many have gone from St. Paul's into full-time Christian work, and others have come to us seeking support and encouragement. We are grateful to share in these ministries by our financial gifts, prayers and personal involvement. (See page 3)

**PASTORAL CARE**

**PASTORAL CARE** *Helen VandeSande 721-6516*

The Pastoral Care Team meets the first Wednesday of each month to coordinate visits to people in hospitals and retirement residences as well as people at home who are shut-ins, or not well. The team arranges drivers for people going to doctor/hospital appointments, as well as for assistance in times of family emergency. Volunteers to help out in times of crisis are always welcome.



**SOCIAL ACTION TEAM** *Libby McKechnie 828-6582*

Volunteers with the Social Action Program provide emergency food assistance. Other projects include the Christmas Hamper Program and Camperships for Gracefield Camp. Volunteers are always needed. (See vignette page 13)



**EMERGENCY PRAYER CHAIN** *Irene Taylor 228-7005*

We believe we should pray for each other in crisis and great need, so our prayer chain swings into action when urgent needs arise within our church and beyond, and our prayer chain coordinator is contacted. You may call any time with needs, or if you would like to join this strategic ministry simply contact Irene and leave your name and phone number.



**PRAYER CALENDAR** *Irene Taylor 228-7005*

At the beginning of every month a prayer calendar is distributed with our bulletins at worship. The calendar includes an item of prayer for each day of the month, and is an effective means of intercession for the ministry of St. Paul's and our members' needs.



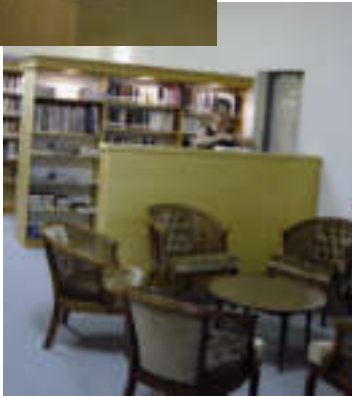
**SENIORS' TEAM** *John Bieler 271-1195*

Our seniors are active at St. Paul's, with programs and events that minister to our seniors and enable them to minister to our church. We are grateful for the contribution of mature Christians to our work and witness and we value their fellowship with us. (See page 13)



**NURSERY** *Pam Allain 723-7570*

A beautiful space for children up to age three is available during both worship services on Sunday. You may have young ones who would enjoy our facility and feel safe in the care of our volunteers, or you might wish to volunteer in this important ministry to our most precious church members!



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- *Bill Nesbitt, Chief Librarian.*

**ALPHA** is enjoyed and appreciated as much by those who have never set foot in a church as it is by those who once attended and by the regular churchgoer. No matter what their background, whether investigating Christianity for the first time or revisiting their faith, participants get a lot out of an Alpha Course.

Each week people meet together for a meal, a talk on topics such as "Who is Jesus?", "Why Did Jesus Die?", "How Can I be Sure of My Faith?", and "Does God Still Heal Today?", followed by small group interaction. There is a weekend retreat midway through the course, which focuses on the person and work of the Holy Spirit.

There are over 1650 Alpha courses running in Canada and about 260,000 Canadians have already participated. St. Paul's has conducted a number of Alpha courses over the past few years, as well as The Marriage Course in early 2005.



Registration forms will be available in advance, and we are looking for volunteers to help with the organization, administration and running of the programme. We are anticipating a September session at St. Paul's scheduled for Wednesday evenings, with the weekend retreat in late October.

We anxiously anticipate God's blessing on this important outreach into our own congregation and the community around us.

For more information, please contact *Beth or Scott Hurd (Alpha Coordinators)* at 825-0208, or the *Church Office* at 729-3384.

Please prayerfully consider your role in this special outreach ministry, whether as leader, helper, participant or prayer partner.

My Favourite Hymn *by Heather Dixon*

One of my favourite hymns, "This is my Father's World" goes back to my early childhood. I remember, as a very young child, attending church with my parents and trying to sing the "adult songs". I would mouth the words as I heard them from the congregation and the first hymn that I can remember mastering was " This is my Father's World".

At a young age verses 1 and 2 spoke most significantly to me as I enjoyed God's world and its beauty and magnificence. Now, however, I find verse 3 the most thought provoking and encouraging. With all the horrors and disasters that are occurring in the world the words of verse 3, "That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet." remind me that God is still in control and everything is going to be all right because He is in control.



On August 2nd, Nicky Gumbel came to Ottawa to speak at Bethel Pentecostal before a very enthusiastic crowd of about 1200. First to speak was a Monseigneur who was representing Archbishop Gervais. He stated, much to the enjoyment of the audience, that 20 years ago he would never have imagined himself as a Roman Catholic, introducing an Anglican minister in a Pentecostal church!

The following is a brief summary of Rev Gumbel's remarks:

*“A better way  
to fish”*

The topic was from Luke 5:1-11 - the event of the huge catch of fish. Rev Gumbel reminded us that the potential is vast and the spiritual hunger and emptiness pervasive in our societies. The problem in the church is generally, that we have given up on fishing (ie casting our nets) and have just resigned ourselves to cleaning the nets while waiting for some fish to jump in.

But nothing is impossible with Jesus, even though we may think evangelism hasn't worked and won't work now. Jesus can and does continue to transform lives.

The structures in the church, like the nets, must be stretched. We must be able to accept new ideas, new music, news ways of reaching people. No one part of the church can do this on its own. The divisions in the church are a tragedy. While we continue fighting and building up walls against each other, people don't take notice. Jesus prayed that "they all may be one...that the world may believe that you sent Me" (John 17:21)

The vision is worth reaching for. The disciples were astonished at all the fish they caught. It is worth leaving everything to follow this vision

*- Beverly Troup*

## *Ghislaine's Notes*

*July 1<sup>st</sup>* Did you enjoy your Canada Day? Bill and I watched the events on Parliament Hill, on TV. I become very emotional every time I hear "O Canada" I cannot help it. The words " God keep our land glorious and free" really get to me.

*The letter "H"* In the last Focus, I mentioned the name of Elaine Dunlop's new born grandson "Hadrian" Connell Dunlop. A sheep of the flock came to me and said that name should probably be written without an "H", well I verified with Elaine and I was right. I know with some of you I am known as " the girl with an "haccent" but sometimes I put the "letter" at the right place.

*Starting University* Kristen Cucan, Carleton U.----Anita Davidson Carleton U. for an MBA.----Anne Hurd, York U.----Sarah Logan, Ottawa U.----David Pike, Queen's U.----Robin Shugart, Windsor U.----Ben Stevenson back to McMaster U. for his third year. He will spend his second term in Newcastle, Australia----Jennifer Craven back to Western U.

*Starting High School* Nana Boame----David Hill----Heather Shugart.

*Our sympathy* Margaret McKenzie, June 26th---- Audrey Bloedow, August 18th----Lorraine Sollows's brother Clifford Ford, Yarmouth N.S., August 18th----Arpit Chrispal, son of Dr. Ashish Chrispal, principal of S.A.I.A.C.S. in Bangalore, India----Sister Mary Janet, Reg Wylie's aunt----Jean Andrews, August 25th. The families are in our prayers.

*V.B.S.* A successful program with over 90 children registered. The group doing the skits was amazing, remembering every word for six skits---- Andrew Hill, Anne Hurd, Joshua Smith, Heather Shugart and Matthew Pike, the "bird". Hearing the children singing in front of their parents at the closing day was worth a thousand words. Again I got emotional.

Thanks to Evelyn Pike and Debra Smith for the wonderful work. It was a success. They can rely on Bill and me next year, God willing. The cookies provided by the members of the church were delicious. One kind in particular was baked by a gentleman ( oatmeal cookies) I will give you some hints. His wife sings in the choir, and they have a granddaughter called MacKenzie. Can you guess????? Fifty four New Testaments were given to the children, and nine to adults.

*People we know* One of our elders was up north for two weeks. He was at a family reunion - all men on a canoe trip. He came back with a beard. Cool !!!!!!!!!!!!!----Vivian Shaw and her husband have been seen in church on occasion. She was the organist and choir director at St. Paul's for many years---- The Lessard-Clouston family moved from Japan to La Mirada California where Michael is teaching applied linguistics in the School of Intercultural Studies at Biola University----Richard Lessard is now in Ottawa. I know his mother is on "cloud nine". Skye Arthur-Banning graduated with a doctorate in sports management. He is teaching at Clemson University in South Carolina.----Jennifer Hurd, granddaughter of Eleanor Hurd, finished 3rd among 273 spellers from across U.S.A. and several others countries.----Margery Fraser was recognized for her contribution in the church for many years in the Sunday School as well as in the Social Action program. Libby McKechnie is now in charge of the Social Action Program.----Ruth Whitehead and Peter Philpott were in St.Petersburg, Russia, from July 4th to 22nd, for a program called "Summer English Institute" held at the State Education Centre. We are happy to see them home safely. Peter is planning to go back this fall.

*They will be missed* After four years of ministry at St. Paul's, Natasha Chapman, our youth director left in June. There was a farewell party on Sunday, May 22nd.----Darren, Cara, Matthew and Aimee Schmidt moved to St. Andrews, Scotland, where Darren will pursue doctoral work.----Kim and Dave Dixon are embarking on a new adventure. They have recently moved to Edmonton where Kim has taken a position as a Residence Supervisor at the University of Alberta. Dave continues to do research work with Public History Services on a part-time basis and hopes to further his music education.----Peter and Joanna Liem departed for Calgary where Peter will begin a new job. He was involved in the choir. We pray for God's blessing on each one.

*The National Capital Race Weekend May 28th* Two years ago the Seekings family decided to do something in memory of their son and brother Stephen. They found out through their son David that as a family they could enter a team in the National Capital Race Weekend to raise money for the Ottawa Hospital Foundation. As a result *The Stephen Seekings Endowment Fund for Aneurysm and Stroke Research* was set up. In 2004 they had 14 people taking part in the 5K run or walk, and they raised over \$4,000.00. This year a group of 44 family members and friends took part in the race. Those from St.Paul's included Martha Archibald, Evelyn Pike, Doug, Dakota and Lynn Beirness, Maria Pacuski, and Dan and Erma

Seekings. This year they raised \$14,000.00. They would like to thank everyone who supported the team by running, donating or raising pledges. It is their hope and prayer that in supporting this research they will be able to prevent someone else from going through the pain and sudden loss they experienced. On the back of their T-shirt it said "*Joggin for your noggin in memory of Stephen Seekings*" Thank you to Erma for giving me the information.

***Congratulations*** Eleanor and Bob Hasting will celebrate their 46th wedding anniversary, October 10th---Ann and John Bieler will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, November 26th---Jennifer Young and Rob Chambers were married July 24th---Maggie Culverwell and Andrew Archibald were married July 2nd in Parry Sound.---Tina Banning, daughter of Lynn Beirness and Michel Burns were married, August 20th.---Liam Anthony John, son of Gray and Andrea Skedgel, was baptized June 12th. A son, Guillermo Alexander, was born to William and Stephanie Mejia in Chicago, a first grandchild for Guillermo and Wanda Mejia, and nephew for Erica and Lilliana.---A baby boy, Adriel Samuel, was born to David and Anilu Yetman in Australia.--- A second child, Kaitlyn Christine Denise was born to Nancy and Wallace Fletcher, a fourth grandchild for Christine and John Oggel.

***A celebration tea***---Adeline Guigues is now 100 years young (I mean it ). Saturday, June 25th, was a real party. It was well attended. I learned something. Adeline sang in the choir for many years along with her husband, Vera Barnes, Bill Thomson, Charles Zinck Lola Featherstone and Marion Rae. I have some advice for every one. If you want to have a long life join the choir. I am not paid for advertising!

***Church events*** The barbecue on May 29th was a big success. As usual there was lots of food and lots of help---The congregational breakfast on Saturday June 4th was well attended. Lawrence King was the speaker and copies of his testimony were available.

***Welcome back*** Judy and Gordon Richardson are back from Singapore after 3 years.

***At St. Paul's during the summer*** Kim and David Seekings from Vancouver---Shula and Jonathan Seekings from Lethbridge. Shula is expecting her first child towards the end of September.---Emily Stevenson from Hamilton---James Hurd and his family from Parkwood Church---Andrew Cole from Toronto---Katherine, Douglas and Iliana Cole from Toronto---Krista Richardson---Cathie (Stevens), Gary and David Daniel Mitchener from Toronto.

***New members*** Ivan Tennant from Rideau Park United Church, and Lucille and Don Campbell from Fourth Avenue Baptist Church. Welcome to St. Paul's. May God bless you richly.

***Gideon Youth testament distribution*** In June 716 copies of the New Testament were distributed. Please pray that the ones who received it will read it.

***Sweet memories*** One Sunday in July sitting in the back pew was Marjorie Mabie, Peggy Westbrook and myself. We always sit in the back pew, but it was the first time that we were next to each other. It brought back memories. For many years the three of us babysat in the nursery on Tuesday morning during the Ladies Bible Study.

***Better to have loved a short person than never to have loved a tall.***

*God willing I will be back in December  
Your friend Ghislaine*





## Kingdom of the Son Prayer Safari Adventure



This year our **Vacation Bible School** (August 15-19) had an African theme! This meant that our church was filled with unusual sights and sounds: wild animals, drum beats, African clothes, instruments and artifacts, exotic scenery, Swahili words and wonderfully rhythmic music!



About 90 children from around the community, including Morrison Gardens, attended VBS. As they eagerly burst into the Narthex every morning, they were greeted and ably led by their Safari guides who stayed with them throughout the morning. After a rousing time together in the sanctuary with songs and skits, they made their way to different stations where the Bible story of the day was introduced and then reinforced through games and other activities. Each day featured a different story about Jesus, all based on an aspect of the Lord's Prayer: God listens, God provides, God forgives, God protects, and finally, with the resurrection story, God rules!.

God blessed this outreach with a wonderful team of energetic, committed helpers who willingly gave up their time, both before the event (painting zebras, lions, jeeps etc), as well as during the busy week itself. All of us involved felt that God's hand was in this project as we tried to convey the love and happiness that comes from being part of God's family, and the joy of being able to "say 'Jambo' to Jesus everyday", because "He listens when we pray!"

We trust that seeds (and songs!) were sown and nurtured in the little minds and hearts that were entrusted to us that week, and look forward to continuing contact with many of them. Thank you to: our registrars, drivers, story-tellers, games and activity leaders, snack ladies, Africa Room helpers, crafts people, actors, musicians, sound man, safari guides: also to all of you who lent and donated decorations, clothes, crafts and snack supplies, and supported us in your prayers. Once again, it was a blessing and a privilege to be part of this adventure!



Evelyn Pike & Debra Smith





## A Camping Vignette

"Can I go back next year?" was the question as Myles got into the car on his return from camp. "Grandpa, stop the car. I need to go back and say goodbye to my friends again".

At home the grandparents heard more. "Camping was awesome. We went canoeing and we flipped the canoe and had to right it again. Do you know what it means to right a canoe Nan? What fun!".

When asked to rate the food on a scale from 1-20 the response was a 20. "Pizza night was awesome! Did you know they made the pizza right there?"

When asked if he really liked camp he replied, "I didn't like it, I loved it".

Then came the question, "What kind of a camp was it anyway, Nan?" "It was a Christian camp, Myles". "I thought so because there was a lot of church!"

That discussion was followed by the emptying of the duffel bag. The wet, dirty, sandy clothes, after a good shaking out, were put quickly into the washing machine. The unasked question: What did he do with his clothes all the time he was away? It was "awesome" nevertheless so "thank you St. Paul's for helping to make one boy's camping experience so special".



### Comrades

Mr. Meant-To has a com-  
rade,  
And his name is Didn't-  
Do;  
Have you ever chanced to  
meet them—  
Did they ever call on  
you?

These two fellows live to-  
gether  
In the house of Never-  
Win,  
And I'm told that it is  
haunted  
By the ghost of Might-  
Have-Been.  
—Author unknown



This has been an uneventful summer but we are looking forward to the CRAFT SHOW in October and the ever popular CHRISTMAS DINNER in December.

John Bieler has been his usual active self, coordinating activities efficiently and planning programs ahead of time. Now that the heat of the summer is over we can look forward to resumption of our yearly fall activities.

*Sholto Cole*



## Youth Mission Trip to New Brunswick with Christian Outreach International (COI)

Three adults and six youth set off to New Brunswick on July 17th for almost a full week to do some mission work with COI. During the course of the week, we carried out a VBS program every morning and donated our efforts to work projects on many occasions throughout the week. As well, on two separate days, half of our group volunteered in a soup kitchen. In our spare time, which was minimal, we did get the pleasure to see some of New Brunswick.

Our largest project was the Vacation Bible School. This was where we felt we made the biggest impact. We entered into a different world from our own. At the First Nations Reserves, there is violence, abuse, drug and alcohol addiction. The worst of it is how the children are neglected. Many are left to raise themselves, and hope is not an easy thing to sustain. However, this doesn't mean they are all like this. Some of them do make it through their trying circumstances and environment. Still, sadly, many of them lose their hope and they either turn to drugs or to alcohol or, sometimes, even to suicide.

We organized the VBS program as we went along. We had an original program to follow, but we quickly learned what worked and what did not work with the Saint Mary's children. They always came in late and were slow to settle in, but once into the routine, they were fine. We were fortunate to get 1 to 1 ½ hours of quality time with children each day.

On our first day, a small miracle happened which gave us a very positive start to the week. At first, it was unknown to us how many children would show up and at what time they would show up. However, another program for the kids was running, and they had a bus at their disposal that they could use to pick up the kids. They offered to bring the kids every day – a guarantee for the four days. So, we had between 33 and 37 kids attend each day.

Still, there was one family that had to be picked up. They were a family of seven girls and one boy. In this family, the eldest child had assumed the responsibility to care for the younger siblings.

We were warned by the COI staff that the children would be shy and untrusting the first day. Thanks to the strong leadership displayed by our youth, the children warmed up quickly. Our youth were very approachable and they played games or chatted with them as they arrived.

Yet, there were some young teen girls who did not warm up as easily. They remained off to one side, and were very distrustful. One girl in particular, "Rosie", had a hood casting a shadow over her face, and she constantly kept her eyes fixed on the floor during the entire morning on the first day. She appeared scared, and she was hesitant to trust us. But Rosie did return again the next day – on her own. She had walked over; no bus had picked her up and brought her there. Still, she remained at a distance, but we were glad, nonetheless, that she made the decision to be there. On the third day, we arrived to find Rosie standing outside the school, not with a hood hanging over her face, but rather dressed in shorts and a top, with a big smile stretching across her face. This was a highlighting moment for all of us and the COI team. It truly was a miracle to see the joy on her face. For the remaining two days, her joyful spirit was undeniable. We will miss her greatly.

On our last day, we had an opportunity to hand out some New Testament Bibles to the children. They were all thrilled to get this special gift. We tried to explain to them, as they went about their activities, what was in the Bible. Most of the kids had us sign their Bibles, so they knew from whom this special gift was given. The kids at St. Mary's reserve touched our hearts in many special ways.

In addition to the VBS program, we also did some work projects on the Oromocto reserve and in Marysville. In Oromocto, we did not have contact with many people or with the lady whose home we worked at. This was

difficult, but we left with the highest hope that what we did will help her out in her life. Another home we worked at was a home in which a single mom with five children lived. We did various jobs around her home and yard. Her

### THE TEAM

Debra and Ed Smith  
Steve Legrow  
Kristen Cucan  
Erika Mejia  
Christina Legrow  
Andrew Hill  
Kaleigh Tallett  
Joshua Smith

children actively participated and volunteered to help, and we had an opportunity to give them Bibles as well.

We had a great time working at the soup kitchen. After contributing our help, some of us were able to sit down and have dinner with the people who are fed by the faithful volunteers at this soup kitchen. This was a great experience, as it was very humbling and as it was also very encouraging to see these people being cared for.

Getting to know the COI staff was wonderful. Faithfully, they served us, they took care of most of our meals, and they encouraged us along the way. It was truly a pleasure to have them by our side.

If you have questions or want more detail, please speak to one of our team.

## *Grammar Rules for the Unenlightened* (Or: How to Write Good)

- \* Don't use no double negatives.
- \* Don't never use no triple negatives.
- \* No sentence fragments
- \* Corollary: Complete sentences: important.
- \* Stamp out and eliminate redundancy.
- \* Avoid clichés like the plague.
- \* Take care that your verb and subject is in agreement.
- \* A preposition is a bad thing to end a sentence with.
- \* Avoid those run-on sentences that just go on, and on, and on, they never stop, they just keep rambling, and you really wish the person would just shut up, but no, they just keep going, they're worse than the Energizer Bunny, they babble incessantly, and these sentences, they just never stop, they go on forever...if you get my drift...
- \* You should never use the second person.
- \* The passive voice should never be used.
- \* When dangling, watch your participles.
- \* Never go off on tangents, which are lines that intersect a curve at only one point and were discovered by Euclid, who lived in the sixth century, which was an era dominated by the Goths, who lived in what we now know as Poland...
- \* Excessive use of exclamation points can be disastrous!!!!
- \* Remember to end each sentence with a period
- \* Don't use commas, which aren't necessary.
- \* Don't use question marks inappropriately?
- \* Don't be terse.
- \* Don't obfuscate your theses with extraneous verbiage.
- \* Never use that totally cool, radically groovy out-of-date slang.
- \* Avoid tumbling off the cliff of triteness into the black abyss of overused metaphors.
- \* Keep your ear to the grindstone, your nose to the ground, take the bull by the horns of a dilemma, and stop mixing your metaphors.
- \* Avoid those abysmally horrible, outrageously repellent exaggerations.
- \* Avoid any awful anachronistic aggravating antediluvian alliterations.
- \* Proofread carefully to see if you any words out.

# Magna Carta of the Kingdom of God

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.  
Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.  
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst  
for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.  
Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.  
Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.



Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called sons of God.  
Blessed are those who are persecuted  
because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are you when people insult you,  
persecute you and falsely say all kinds of  
evil against you because of me.  
Rejoice and be glad,  
because great is your reward in heaven, for  
in the same way they persecuted the  
prophets who were before you.”

## Up-Side-Down

Jesus' teaching really seems up-side-down to us. Jesus says, “Happy are the poor in spirit.” We say, “Happy is he who won the lottery,” or “Happy is he who has a big bank account.” Jesus says, “Happy are those who mourn.” We say, “Happy are those who have no trials.” Jesus says, “Blessed are the meek.” We say, “Blessed are they who know how to bulldoze their way to the top.” Jesus says, “Blessed are the peacemakers.” We say, “Blessed are those who can stand up for their own rights.” At every turn our natural inclination seems opposite to Jesus' way.

But Jesus shows us that it is only when we are bankrupt, without the resources to cope with life that we turn to him and let him fill our lives with blessings. It is only when we hunger for truth from God that our inner longings are satisfied. Only when we seek peace with one another are relationships fulfilled. His kingdom brings such blessings that it is worth suffering hardship and persecution in this life. When we seek his kingdom we do not expect our reward here, but in heaven, in God's kingdom. The ironic thing is, living for God's kingdom is the most rewarding way to live on earth.

## Bible Boggle

Find in the Boggle Puzzle all the words in the Bible verse. You may start with any letter-cell and move in any direction -- up or down, back or forth, or diagonally -- and continue in this way until you have formed your word, only be sure NOT to re-use a letter-cell in any one word (you may use it again only when forming another word).

C	T	R	E	B	D
O	P	H	A	E	P
M	O	U	T	I	S
F	D	R	T	I	R
O	E	G	N	E	K
S	G	T	H	M	E

### BEATITUDES:

**POOR IN SPIRIT ...THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM**  
**MOURNERS ... ARE COMFORT**  
**THE MEEK ... INHERIT THE EARTH**  
**PURE IN HEART ... SEE GOD**

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“Human beings do not readily admit desperation. When they do, the kingdom of God draws near”.

*Philip Yancy*

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